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Orestes Guillermo RUIZ Perez

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DGI - Photos available

1930 - Born 10 February, in Cuba.

Primary and secondary education in private institutions. Reportedly well-educated with degree in political economics from University of Havana.

Communist since before Castro; father is militant Communist.

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1950's - RUIZ emigrated to U.S. travelling throughout East Coast and holding minor jobs.

RUIZ' wife, Nilda VECIANA, lived in New York for five years in the 1950's: 48th St., 3 blocks from Times Square.

RUIZ said he spent five years in the U.S. (years not stated). See OSMA 26343, 19 June 1970.

1957 -

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RUIZ began to work as an apprentice butcher for a Polish-American, Alexander SAMKO, who had a grocery store on Flagler St., "Fruit Center" (grocery, meat market and fruit store.) RUIZ did so well attracting Latin-American customers to the store that he soon began to distribute meat in the area for SAMKO.

In Miami RUIZ and another Cuban exile, Maj. Jose Maria MOLEON Carreras, were in contact with an American of Cuban descent, known as Joe LOUIS or LUIS, an underworld figure, who was competing with Italians in the bolita racket in Tampa. RUIZ said LUIS offered RUIZ and close associates \$800. a month, plus car and expenses, to supervise "collections" in Miami. LUIS even asked them to kill a man named FERNANDEZ, who was involved in the numbers game in Miami, for \$5,000. each.

* During the Batista regime, RUIZ was in asylum in Mexico, involved in the Triple A movement of Dr. Aureliano SANCHEZ Arango.

1958 -

RUIZ left Miami in February 1958 with Harry VILLEGAS Tamayo (contact of PINETRO, DGI Chief; also served as guerrilla with Che GUEVARA in Bolivia) and three other members of the 26th of July Movement, and reportedly entered Cuba clandestinely.

When RUIZ left Miami in 1958 he reportedly turned over to his brother (name not noted) a house in North Miami, a brand new car, and over a thousand dollars in the bank. RUIZ said that he was living in the U.S. illegally.

1957/58 -

In Havana RUIZ was involved with a group in sabotage activities; planting bombs and other terrorist acts, against Batista regime.

1959 -

Prior to 1959 RUIZ was reportedly operating clandestinely in the D.R. trying to overthrow TRUJILLO regime. TRUJILLO wanted to get RUIZ. RUIZ escaped and went to Cuba.

1959-62 -

Chief of Dept. of Construction, Expenses Studies, Office of Financial Statistics, Ministry of Treasury. Also reported to be G-2.

1963 -

1 August - appointed Commercial Counselor at Cuban Embassy Mexico City. Reportedly DGI and sent there to infiltrate counter-revolutionary groups.

22 November - RUIZ flew from Mexico City to Havana. Returned to Mexico City on 29 Nov.

1964 -

January - received correspondence from Andy BUCKNER, a U.S. citizen of Sherman, Texas, who referred to November 1963 info. he had given RUIZ.

May 1964 - AMMUG-1 reported that RUIZ, in Mexico City, was case officer for CUIS operations targetted against some nearby area.

1964 -

Appointed Vice-Minister for Economics of Ministry of Foreign Trade which he held until he went to Spain.

Between 63 and 67 RUIZ reportedly held positions of confidence in Cuban Govt in the fields of economics and commerce.

1967 -

December, RUIZ went to Madrid as new Cuban Ambassador. Had family with him and much money. Was living high on the hog. VERYHIGH.

1968 -

March 18 - David JACOBUS, an American, contacted RUIZ in Madrid at Cuban Embassy. (See LIENVOY tapes.)

24 April, RUIZ advised officer at Embassy, Oristides DIAZ Roverosa, to disguise self for good organization, because he was already clandestine. RUIZ comments that he was arrested only once but it was only a joke. Aside from that, he says they never caught him.

22 July - Memo for the Record, refers to RUIZ' residence in the U.S., Haiti, and the D.R.

1969 -

RUIZ arranged camouflaged trip to Cuba for ALLENDE.

1970 -

CIA had Alexander SAMKO go to Madrid in 1970 to reestablish friendship with RUIZ. (Wouldn't surprise me if SAMKO didn't tell RUIZ of arrangement.) Shortly thereafter RUIZ returned to Cuba. We terminated interest in SAMKO

1971 -

RUIZ was with MINREX office of Scientific Technologic Affairs in Havana.

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